THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Monday, the 6th March 1950.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort. St. George, at eleven of the clock, the Deputy Chairman (SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAYUDU), in the Chair.

I.—MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :—" The Chairman has received the following message :—

' It is from His Excellency the Governor and it is as follows :—

" I have received with great satisfaction your resolution of thanks for the address with which I opened the present session of the Legislature ".' "

II.—COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIRMAN.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :—" I shall now read the communication from the Chairman—

' Dear hon. Members of the Council,

" It grieves me very much to tell you that I am unable to be at the post of duty to-day. The mind is willing, nay anxious, but the body refuses to allow me to be with you on this important occasion which comes, but once in a year. It is, no doubt, true that the mind is all-powerful and can overcome all physical infirmities, but such power is beyond the reach of the run of ordinary mortals. I have, therefore, very reluctantly to bow to the limitations of the frail physical body. I hope the House will pardon me for this. God willing, I hope to be with you, at least on the last day of the discussion.

" I hasten to express my deep gratitude to all the Hon. Ministers and the hon. Members who were kind enough to call or write to me and give me, so generously, their sympathy and affection." ' "

III.—SWEARING-IN OF A MEMBER.

Sri D. Manjayya Hegde was sworn in by the Hon. Chairman at his residence.

IV.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Appointment of Professor of Psychology in the Presidency College.

* 6 *Q.*—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that one Dr. B. Kuppuswami Nayudu has been appointed as Professor of Psychology in the Presidency College, Madras, on contract for two years;

(*b*) whether he was an Assistant Professor of H.H. Maharaja's College, Mysore; and

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(c) whether there is no suitable person in the Madras Educational Subordinate Service to be promoted as Professor of Psychology?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) Dr. B. Kuppuswami Nayudu was the Professor and Head of the Department of Psychology in the University of Mysore. He had served as Assistant Professor of Psychology in that University for 19 years.

" (c) There was no qualified officer in the Educational Department who could be appointed to the post."

DR. SYED TAJUDDIN :—" Sir, as regards Dr. B. Kuppuswami Nayudu, has he got any foreign qualifications, and if so, what they are? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" He possesses the M.A. Degree in Psychology in first-class—D.Lit. Degree and all the experience necessary for the new department."

DR. SYED TAJUDDIN :—" Does he possess a foreign degree or only a degree of a local University? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I am not in a position to say that. He has the M.A. Degree in Psychology."

JANAB K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" May I know whether the post was advertised? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" No, Sir."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know whether there is one Dr. R. Nagaraja Sarma, who is an educationist of international reputation and held in high esteem, and he is an M.A. of this University in Psychology? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I am grateful for the high opinion which the hon. Member has about Mr. Nagaraja Sarma. But unfortunately, he did not possess the qualification which the Madras University has laid down for the post and so the University did not think fit to appoint him."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know what are the qualifications laid down by the University for this post? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" The Madras University insisted that the Professor should have the degree of M.A. or Hons. in Psychology, and so they did not want to appoint a person who has a degree in Philosophy. There is none in the education department qualified for that post."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know who laid that qualification? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" It was laid by the Syndicate of the Madras University."

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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether this post was advertised and whether applications were invited before this person was chosen? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" When there was no qualified person in the department, the Director of Public Instruction suggested that there is a qualified person in the Mysore University and that this Government might approach that Government to lend his services for two years. We agreed, and that university was approached, and they agreed to lend his services for a period of two years, and so he is on contract for two years."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Are Government aware that Dr. Nagaraja Sarma is an examiner in Psychology in five or six Universities? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I do not know. The University said that he did not possess the qualifications prescribed for the post by the Syndicate."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Was he not the only Indian invitee to the Congress on Psychology held in Copenhagen? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" If my friend gives me the list of invitees to that Congress I shall give him the information who are the other Indians who were invited to that Congress."

DR. SYED TAJUDDIN :—" May I inquire whether anybody was deputed abroad for higher studies in Psychology, so that he may after his return take up such a post? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I cannot say whether anybody has been deputed for foreign studies. I want notice."

DR. SYED TAJUDDIN :—" May I know if an advertisement of the post had been made, Government could have secured the services of a better candidate from all over India? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I do not think so; because the qualifications and the experience of the present incumbent are such that the Director of Public Instruction thinks that we cannot get a better person."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Was it a post reserved for promotion or direct recruitment? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" It may be either. It was a new post created according to the scheme of re-organization of the Presidency College."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Was Dr. Nagaraja Sarma, the Professor of Psychology in the Presidency College just before the appointment was made."

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" The hon. Member seems to know more about him than myself. My impression is he has retired long ago."

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DR. SYED TAJUDDIN :—" Since the present incumbent's services are only for a period of two years, will the Government send a member of the department abroad for qualifying himself for this post? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I cannot give any such promise. If we find the present incumbent good, we may continue him if he is willing to continue and if the Mysore Government would help us by sparing his services for some time more."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I inquire whether Government did not consider it would be in public interests if this post had been advertised and applications invited, before they chose this particular candidate? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" The Government have to act on advice in certain matters. The Director of Public Instruction advised us that it was not likely that we could get a better candidate. Further, he said, we could not wait, for by appointing this candidate a lot of time would be saved for the students."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I inquire, Sir, if the Director of Public Instruction had not advised Government to appoint the present incumbent, would they not have advertised for the post and made a better choice, and in doing so would have perhaps declared this present incumbent himself eligible? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" It may be. I cannot say what would have happened if it was advertised. But as a matter of fact we have to take the advice of the Director of Public Instruction with considerable respect, because he is a person experienced in this matter."

JANAB K. UPPI :—" May I know what are the disqualifications of the present incumbent? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" There is no present incumbent at all, as the post is a new one. As to the disqualifications of the candidate now appointed, I would refer the hon. Member to put that question to the hon. Gentlemen who put the numerous supplementary questions as they do not like him."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Sir, I strongly protest against the insinuation of the Hon. Minister that it is because we do not like the present incumbent we put so many questions; in fact, most of us may not know him at all. Such a remark is quite unjustified. When we say so many things against the Ministers, does it mean, we do not like them? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I am sorry I have not made myself properly understood. By putting the specific question, whether Dr. Nagaraja Sarma was not a better person, they perhaps thought that Mr. Kuppuswami Nayudu was not qualified for the post. This is what I meant."

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DR. SYED TAJUDDIN :—" May I inquire if Government do not think it proper hereafter to advertise and fill such posts? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Certainly if that will conduce to efficiency, they will certainly do it."

JANAB K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" May I know whether the Hon. Minister is convinced that the Director of Public Instruction knew the candidates available in the field to think that there was no necessity for calling for applications? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" We are perfectly convinced that in this matter the Director of Public Instruction has made the right recommendation." 11-15 a.m.

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Is this the only instance in which the Director of Public Instruction has made his recommendation or have there been similar instances before? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" If my Friend will give me a list of subjects on which he wants information, I shall try to collect."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Do the Government realize that questions put by Members on the Opposition side are put in the public interest? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I entirely agree."

Nutrition Research Laboratory at Coonoor.

* 7 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a Nutrition Research Laboratory at Coonoor long in existence;

(*b*) whether the Government of Madras exercise any control and supervision over its activities;

(*c*) whether any contribution is made by the Government of Madras towards its up-keep;

(*d*) whether there is any proposal to shift the laboratory outside the State; and

(*e*) whether this Government have been consulted in the matter and if so, whether they have pressed for its retention here?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (*a*) Yes, since 1918.

" (*b*) No.

" (*c*) No. But the buildings known as the Jam Factory Buildings have been placed at the disposal of the Institute since 1930.

" (*d*) & (*e*) In December 1949, certain reports appeared in the Press, suggesting that a proposal was under the contemplation of the Indian Research Fund Association, to shift the Laboratory to a University town with a teaching hospital and other scientific institutions. This Government immediately addressed the Government of India requesting that the